Tuesday, the *1st August 1944* / *17th Karkadagam 1119*

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half past Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (SIR GEORGE BOAG K. C. I. E., C. S. I.), in the chair.

The Resident for the Madras States also was present.

Messrs. Popatlal Govardhan Lalan, K. R. Ramakrishnan, C. J. Luiz, H. J. Walmesley and Khan Sahib Ismail Hajee Essa Sait were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

OFFICE OF THE MUKUNDAPURAM INSPECTOR OF AGRICULTURE—DEFALCATION IN

151. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there was any defalcation or misappropriation of public money in the Office of the Mukundapuram Inspector of Agriculture in the years of 1118 and 1119;

(*b*) if so, how the case now stands;

(*c*) whether Mr. V. Narayana Menon's transfer to the native place of his wife has anything to do with the alleged misappropriation or defalcation of Sirkar money in his office?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* :

(*a*) The matter is under investigation.

(*b*) No answer is necessary in view of answer to question (*a*).

(*c*) No. It was a general transfer of Agricultural Inspectors.

TILLAGE IMPLEMENTS, ETC., SOLD THROUGH CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES

152. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state the quantities of (1) tillage implements (2) manures (3) seeds supplied or sold by the departmental agencies or co-operative societies in the State to the ryots;

(*b*) whether any arrangements have been planned and brought into operation for making and supplying tillage implements?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Please see appended Statement. *(Appendix I)*

(*b*) Arrangements have been made with the Government of India to allow 600 tons of iron and steel for the use of the ryots in the State. The iron and steel or the implements manufactured will be sold to the ryots by Agricultural Inspectors from the Taluk Depots.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* May I know, how much time will be taken in this process?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* That will depend upon when we will get the supply from British India.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* My we have an approximate idea as to when we will be getting?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I connot give a definite answer.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural):* May I know, whether we can have it early next year?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* We expect to have it by the end of this calendar year—1944.

Mr. K. T. Achyuthan *(Ezhuvas-Talappilli):* Cannot arrangements be made with the local iron merchants till we get the quota from the Government of India.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is not available.

JACK AND MANGO TREES CUT DOWN UNDER PERMITS

153. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

the number of jack and mango trees cut down under the permits of the respective Agricultural Inspectors in each Taluk till the transfer of Mr. V. Narayana Menon, Agricultural

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